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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JULIET JONES,	
Plaintiff,	
V.	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
METRO ONE LOSS PREVENTION SERVICES GROUP, INC.	   
Defendant.	

# **COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES Plaintiff, Juliet Jones, by and through her attorney, David M. Manes, Esq., of Manes & Narahari LLC, and files this Complaint alleging as follows:

# I. Nature of the Action

1. Plaintiff brings this Complaint to recover damages under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Plaintiff alleges that she was subjected to sex discrimination and retaliation in the workplace of Defendant.

# II. Jurisdiction and Venue

- 2. This action arises under Title VII and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's discrimination claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 3. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
- 4. Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of Pennsylvania, a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in Middle Pennsylvania, and, therefore, this action is within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

- **5.** Plaintiff filed a timely charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Employment Commission ("EEOC") regarding her allegations under Title VII on July 15, 2022, under charge number 530-2023-00566. *See Exhibit 1*.
- 6. Plaintiff was mailed a Notice of Right to Sue on October 12, 2023. This complaint has been filed within ninety (90) days of the Plaintiff's receipt, thus making this action timely. See Exhibit 2.

## III. Parties

- 7. Plaintiff, Juliet Jones ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual with a primary residence located at 1425 Crooked Hill Road, #61764, Harrisburg, Pa 17106.
- **8.** Defendant, Metro One Loss Prevention Services Group, Inc. ("Defendant") is a Texas business corporation, with a regular place of business located at 5830 Granite Parkway, Suites 100-353, Plano, TX 75024.

# IV. Facts

- 9. Plaintiff, an African-American female, worked remotely for Defendant as a Recruiter to hire unarmed security guards for Defendant's client, Amazon.
- 10. There were two recruiters on Plaintiff's team that were responsible for training her but didn't do so properly.
  - 11. Plaintiff's manager's name was Cody Husken.
  - **12.** Husken's boss and Performance Manager was Raymond Cox.
- 13. Staff were afraid to speak to Cox regarding communication issues, ways to streamline productivity, etc.
  - 14. Plaintiff spoke up because procedures weren't being followed properly.

- **15.** Members of Plaintiff's team were hiring security guards with incomplete paperwork, such as I-9's.
- **16.** Prior to a security guard starting, applicants are to have filled out their I-9, W-4, and have a completed background check.
  - 17. Plaintiff followed these rules with all guards she hired.
  - **18.** During the week of September 20, 2022, Cox wanted to replace Husken.
- 19. Cox felt like Husken was "checking out" because Husken was planning on moving to another state with his girlfriend.
  - **20.** Cox asked Plaintiff to find a replacement for Husken.
  - 21. Plaintiff sent applicants to Cox to interview and scheduled the interviews.
- **22.** At the same time, Cox told Plaintiff about the job and indicated/insinuated that it was hers if she wanted it.
- 23. Cox told Plaintiff that he wanted someone in this position that he could trust and would prefer a female over a male.
- **24.** Due to the hours and workload of this position, like working more than 40 hours a week, being on call 24/7, and working as a recruiter and account manager, Plaintiff declined the verbal offer.
- **25.** After turning down the offer, Cox became short with Plaintiff on the phone and in meetings.
- **26.** Conversations between Plaintiff and Cox went from being friendly to just being about business.
  - 27. Husken also became short and strictly business with Plaintiff as well.

- **28.** Plaintiff soon began receiving emails that accused her of not doing her work properly.
- **29.** Plaintiff had to take the time to show that she was doing her job properly by providing examples of what she was accused of not doing.
- **30.** One example of this is the RDG1 site being assigned to a different recruiter and then Plaintiff being assigned to assist, not take over.
- **31.** Plaintiff continued working at her sites. At this time, the Bethel location was heavily understaffed.
- **32.** Plaintiff was assigned to work Bethel, her own sites (Yor, Lewisberry, Carlisle), and help the other recruiter.
- 33. In addition to her workload, Plaintiff was asked to do a one off and hire for a new client as well as find Husken's replacement.
- **34.** Plaintiff was working until 8 p.m. most nights in an attempt to meet unreasonable expectations.
- 35. Plaintiff did meet the expectations by fully staffing her sites and hiring two new people for the client, and finding Husken's replacement.
- **36.** Plaintiff kept a spreadsheet of all her efforts and hires that's he sent to Cox every Wednesday and Friday.
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- **39.** Plaintiff received an email from Cox accusing her of hiring someone that wasn't finished with the onboarding.

- **40.** Plaintiff responded stating that hire's onboarding had been completed.
- 41. After this, sites were removed from Plaintiff's supervision.
- **42.** Plaintiff was told not to hire anyone for the RDG1 site for two days.
- 43. On the third day, Plaintiff was given back the site, on Wednesday.
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- **45.** Plaintiff's scheduled hours were Monday through Friday.
- **46.** Human Resources gave managers a spreadsheet to fill out.
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  - **51.** Plaintiff was still employed as a Recruiter but was given Manager work.
- **52.** Plaintiff was informed that meetings were optional for her to attend, before they had been mandatory.
- **53.** During a meeting she attended, Plaintiff was overlooked. She normally opened the Thursday meetings with her recruiting statistics.
- **54.** Plaintiff also received emails stated that she mislabeled an employee, Jessica Strove, as a supervisor.
- **55.** Plaintiff checked on this employee and saw that she was labeled as an unarmed security guard.

- **56.** On another occasion, Plaintiff hired an employee named Johnny Bonificia and completed his onboarding.
- 57. Plaintiff's name was removed from this employee and the credit was given to another recruiter.
- **58.** Plaintiff addressed this issue with the recruiter who was given the credit for her hire and with Cox. She wanted her name relisted as the recruiter.
  - **59.** Both the recruiter and Cox was aware that Plaintiff hired him.
- **60.** This event happened after Plaintiff addressed Cox about the retaliation and change in the working environment after turning down the job offer.
  - **61.** Plaintiff started to feel depressed and anxious.
- **62.** Plaintiff had a doctor's appointment on October 21m 2022 to have her heard and stress levels checked.
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- **66.** Plaintiff was stellar employee prior to rejecting the job offer and was being demoted after the rejection.
- 67. On October 14, 2022, Plaintiff reached out to Husken to get clarity on the work she was to be doing. Husken did not reply.
  - **68.** Two other recruiters, Kendrix and Shamyah, were promoted to Lead Recruiter.

**69.** Plaintiff was not offered this position and only found out about it from an email on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

# **COUNT I**

# Sex Discrimination in Violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

- **70.** The averments contained in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated herein as though set forth at length.
- 71. A plaintiff must first establish a prima facie case of discrimination by showing that "(1) she is a member of a protected class, (2) she was qualified for the position she sought to attain or retain, (3) she suffered an adverse employment action, and (4) the action occurred under circumstances that could give rise to an inference of intentional discrimination." Jones v. Temple Univ., 622 F. App'x 131, 134 (3d Cir. 2015) (citing Mandel v. M & Q Packing Corp., 706 F.3d 157, 169 (3d Cir. 2013)).
  - 72. Plaintiff's protected class is her sex/gender.
- 73. Plaintiff was offered the manager position after being told by Cox that he would prefer a female to a male in this position.
- **74.** Plaintiff was continuously discriminated against as because she is a female who turned down an offer.
- 75. Plaintiff suffered further adverse employment action when she was constructively discharged from her position with Defendant.
- **76.** The foregoing misconduct by Defendant was undertaken with malice and/or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's rights protected under state and federal law to be free from discrimination.

### **COUNT II**

### Sex Discrimination in Violation of the PHRA

- 77. The averments contained in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated herein as though set forth at length.
  - **78.** Plaintiff is of a protected class of sex/gender.
- **79.** Defendant engaged in discriminatory conduct in violation of the PHRA allowing the known sex- discrimination to continue and then forcing her to quit her job.
- **80.** Plaintiff suffered further adverse employment action when she was constructively discharged from her position with Defendant after reporting the discrimination.
- **81.** The foregoing misconduct by Defendant was undertaken with malice and/or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's rights protected under state and federal law to be free from discrimination.

### **COUNT III**

# Retaliation in Violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

- **82.** The averments contained in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated herein as though set forth at length.
  - 83. In order to state a claim for retaliation under Title VII, a plaintiff must show:
    - a. She "engaged in a protected activity," including "informal protests of discriminatory employment practices" made to a member of a defendant's management;
    - b. "Adverse" employment action was taken against the plaintiff "after or contemporaneous with the employee's protected activity;" and
    - c. "A causal connection between the protected activity and the adverse action." Moore v. Sec. U.S. Dept. of Homeland Sec., 718 Fed. Appx. 164, 166-67 (3d Cir.

- 2017) (unpublished) (quoting Daniels v. Sch. Dist. of Phila., 776 E. 3d 181, 193 (3d Cir. 2015).
- **84.** Plaintiff engaged in protected activity when she reported the sex discrimination she was facing with Defendant.
- **85.** Plaintiff suffered further adverse employment action in the form of retaliation when she was constructively discharged from her position with Defendant.
- **86.** The foregoing misconduct by Defendant was undertaken with malice and/or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's rights protected under state and federal law to be free from discrimination.

## **COUNT IV**

#### Retaliation in Violation of the PHRA

- **87.** The averments contained in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated herein as though set forth at length.
- **88.** The analytical framework used to evaluate a claim under the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act ("PHRA") is effectively indistinguishable from that under Title VII. See Jones v. Sch. Dist. of Philadelphia, 198 F.3d 403, 409 (3d Cir. 1999).
- **89.** Plaintiff suffered further adverse employment action in the form of retaliation when she was constructively discharged from her position with Defendant.
- **90.** The foregoing misconduct by Defendant was undertaken with malice and/or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's rights protected under state and federal law to be free from discrimination.

# **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in her favor, and against Defendant, and award all damages available at law and equity, including:

- a) Lost back pay resulting from Defendant's termination of Plaintiff;
- b) Lost front pay continuing into the future for Defendant's unlawful conduct;
- c) Compensatory damages, including emotional damages and humiliation;
- d) Punitive damages to punish Defendant's conduct and to deter similar future conduct;
- e) Costs for bringing this action;
- f) Attorney's fees;
- g) Pre-judgment and continuing interest; and
- h) Any other relief that this Court deem necessary and proper

Respectfully Submitted,

# **VERIFICATION**

I, Juliet Jones, swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of

America that the facts alleged in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of my

knowledge.

I understand that the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Juliet Jones

# Case 1:24-cv-00037-CCC Document 1-1 Filed 01/09/24 Page 1 of 1 CIVIL COVER SHEET

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# U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Pittsburgh Area Office

# JULIET JONES,

Charging Party,

EEOC Charge No. 530-2023-00305

v.

# METRO ONE LOSS PREVENTION SERVICES GROUP, INC.

Respondent.

# **AMENDED CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION**

1. I am the Charging Party, Juliet Jones. The contact information for myself and my legal counsel is as follows:

### **Juliet Jones**

1425 Crooked Hill Road #61764 Harrisburg, Pa 17106 Jjones@certifiedhrexperts.com

DOB: 11/25/1973 Race: Bi-racial

# David Manes, Esq.

MANES & NARAHARI, LLC 301 Grant St, Suite 270 Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (412) 626-5570 Direct (412) 650-4845 Fax dm@manesnarahari.com

- 2. Respondent is Metro One Loss Prevention Services Group, Inc. I worked remotely, but the corporate address for Respondent is 5830 Granite Parkway, Suite 100-353, Plano, TX 75024.
- 3. Kelli Springfield, an employee for Respondent in the Human Resources Department is aware of the filing of an EEOC Charge and said to contact her.
- 4. Kelli can be contacted at kspringfield@metroonelpsg.com and (972) 465-0755.
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- 61. I believe Respondent retaliated and discriminated against me based on my race in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955.
- 62. I believe Respondent retaliated and discriminated against me based on my sex in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955.
- 63. I believe I was subjected to a hostile work environment in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955.
- 64. I want this Charge cross-filed with the PHRC and investigated by the EEOC.
- 65. I wish to take part in an EEOC mediation.

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Date	Juliet Jones

# Exhibit 2

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EEOC Form 161-B (01/2022)

# U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE (ISSUED ON REQUEST)

To: Juliet Jones

1425 Crooked Hill Road #61764

Harrisburg, PA 17106

From: Pittsburgh Area Office

1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1112

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

EEOC Charge No.

EEOC Representative

Telephone No.

533-2023-00566

Philadelphia District Office

(267) 589-9700

Legal Unit

(See also the additional information enclosed with this form.)

#### NOTICE TO THE PERSON AGGRIEVED:

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA): This is your Notice of Right to Sue, issued under Title VII, the ADA or GINA based on the above-numbered charge. It has been issued at your request. Your lawsuit under Title VII, the ADA or GINA must be filed in a federal or state court <u>WITHIN 90 DAYS</u> of your receipt of this notice; or your right to sue based on this charge will be lost. (The time limit for filing suit based on a claim under state law may be different.)

More than 180 days have passed since the filing of this charge.

The EEOC is terminating its processing of this charge.

Equal Pay Act (EPA): You already have the right to sue under the EPA (filing an EEOC charge is not required.) EPA suits must be brought in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that backpay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible.

If you file suit, based on this charge, please send a copy of your court complaint to this office.

On behalf of the Commission

Digitally Signed By: Deborah A. Kane

10/12/2023

Enclosures(s)

Deborah A. Kane Area Director

cc: Kelli Springfield 58030 Granite Parkway Plano, TX 75024

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Enclosure with EEOC Form 161-B (01/2022)

# INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC

(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court <u>under Federal law</u>. If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits and other provisions of State law may be shorter or more limited than those described below.)

# PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA):

In order to pursue this matter further, you must file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge within 90 days of the date you receive this Notice. Therefore, you should keep a record of this date. Once this 90-day period is over, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and its envelope, and tell him or her the date you received it. Furthermore, in order to avoid any question that you did not act in a timely manner, it is prudent that your suit be filed within 90 days of the date this Notice was mailed to you (as indicated where the Notice is signed) or the date of the postmark, if later.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. (Usually, the appropriate State court is the general civil trial court.) Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. Filing this Notice is not enough. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Your suit may include any matter alleged in the charge or, to the extent permitted by court decisions, matters like or related to the matters alleged in the charge. Generally, suits are brought in the State where the alleged unlawful practice occurred, but in some cases can be brought where relevant employment records are kept, where the employment would have been, or where the respondent has its main office. If you have simple questions, you usually can get answers from the office of the clerk of the court where you are bringing suit, but do not expect that office to write your complaint or make legal strategy decisions for you.

## PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Equal Pay Act (EPA):

EPA suits must be filed in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment: back pay due for violations that occurred **more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit** may not be collectible. For example, if you were underpaid under the EPA for work performed from 7/1/08 to 12/1/08, you should file suit before 7/1/10 – not 12/1/10 – in order to recover unpaid wages due for July 2008. This time limit for filing an EPA suit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, suit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA back pay recovery period.

### ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION -- Title VII, the ADA or GINA:

If you cannot afford or have been unable to obtain a lawyer to represent you, the U.S. District Court having jurisdiction in your case may, in limited circumstances, assist you in obtaining a lawyer. Requests for such assistance must be made to the U.S. District Court in the form and manner it requires (you should be prepared to explain in detail your efforts to retain an attorney). Requests should be made well before the end of the 90-day period mentioned above, because such requests do <u>not</u> relieve you of the requirement to bring suit within 90 days.

#### ATTORNEY REFERRAL AND EEOC ASSISTANCE -- All Statutes:

You may contact the EEOC representative shown on your Notice if you need help in finding a lawyer or if you have any questions about your legal rights, including advice on which U.S. District Court can hear your case. If you need to inspect or obtain a copy of information in EEOC's file on the charge, please request it promptly in writing and provide your charge number (as shown on your Notice). While EEOC destroys charge files after a certain time, all charge files are kept for at least 6 months after our last action on the case. Therefore, if you file suit and want to review the charge file, **please make your review request within 6 months of this Notice**. (Before filing suit, any request should be made within the next 90 days.)

IF YOU FILE SUIT, PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR COURT COMPLAINT TO THIS OFFICE.